

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 7 - 18, with the following amended paragraph.

DE 43 05 186 C2 (US Patent No. 5,594,416) discloses a method for reducing the danger of rear end accidents in traffic via a deceleration warning; this document also discloses a deceleration warning system. During a braking process, an integral is formed via the deceleration, and as a result a danger value is calculated in conformity with which the signal aspect or pattern of a brake light is affected. After conclusion of a deceleration, the brake light is not immediately ~~distinguished~~ extinguished; rather, the lights thereof fade in conformity with a predetermined function or equation. A characteristic of such integral brake lights is that short, pronounced decelerations of the leading vehicle are only presented after a time delay that is due to the integration; this can lead to dangerous situations if traffic is heavy.